

## FORT RILEY'S FIRST SERGEANTS BARRACKS PROGRAM



### **What is the First Sergeants Barracks Program?**

First Sergeants Barracks Program (FSBI) is part of the Army plan to improve the quality of life for Single Soldiers, and to standardize the management of barracks Army wide. FSBP assumes the responsibility of maintaining daily operations away from assigned units, and puts it on garrison staff in a style similar to property and apartment complex management. Goals of this program include improving barracks utilization, managing vacant barracks space during deployment, reducing maintenance response time, decreasing building damages and extending the life of the facilities. This improves the quality of life for Soldiers and is a proven cost saver for the Army by consciously taking better care of the barracks and reducing payments for basic allowance for housing (BAH) to single Soldiers.

### **What has the Army done?**

In January 2005, the Secretary of the Army directed the management of barracks and a focused sustainment program at an estimated cost of \$260 million per year. The Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) responded with direction to all installations to adopt a FSBI program. IMCOM centrally funds startup costs and Garrisons fund annual operating costs. Garrisons are given flexibility to develop their FSBI organizations based on their scope and resources, and on the general guidance on organization and staffing levels provided in the IMCOM directive. This is being implemented across the Army from 2008 through 2011.

### **Why is this important to the Army?**

FSBI is built upon Army leader's full involvement in the well-being of junior enlisted Soldiers living in the barracks. It will enhance the commander's ability to concentrate on his primary organizational missions, while still maintaining influence in the welfare of junior enlisted Soldiers. Taking care of Soldiers is a readiness issue. Installations are communities where the Army lives, trains, works, mobilizes and deploys. The quality and character of these installations is the keystone to caring for the Army's most precious resource. The underlying premise is that our Soldiers living on our installations deserve the same quality of life afforded the society they have pledged to defend.

## Single Soldiers Housing Frequently Asked Questions AR 420-1

### Who can I contact for information about my living quarters?

Each Brigade has an Area Office; the Soldier will contact their area office for instructions on obtaining living quarters. FSBP's Area office is responsible for issuing, inspecting and terminating Single Soldiers living quarters.

Fort Riley's Area Office Contact Numbers		
1 <sup>ST</sup> BDE	BLDG 7003	(785)239-4391
2 <sup>ND</sup> BDE	BLDG 7648	(785)240-2785
4 <sup>TH</sup> BDE	BLDG 7815	(785)240-5159
CAB	BLDG 0688	(785)240-4740
NDU	BLDG 0045	(785)239-3375
1 <sup>ST</sup> SB	BLDG 7492	(785)240-5161

### How do I submit an Exception to Policy (ETP)?

For information on Fort Riley's Exception to Policy

Contact your FSBP Area Manager for instructions on obtaining a Certificate of Nonavailability (CNA).

**Location:** Building 45 Barry Avenue

Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

**Phone:** (785)239-3525

### Is a soldier married to a soldier considered a geographical bachelor?

No, Since both are soldiers, neither can be a dependent of the other soldier, a soldier who has a civilian spouse who is not located with the service member is considered a geographical bachelor..

### Can a soldier married to a soldier reside off post?

Soldier married to soldier in the ranks of PVT-SGT may reside off post if both soldiers are stationed at the same installation. Unaccompanied soldiers married to soldiers on separate tours will be assigned to permanent party housing on the same basis as unmarried personnel. Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley married to a soldier stationed elsewhere, but who has orders to Fort Riley with a reporting or ETS date, may be issued a CNA within 60 days before spouse's arrival and reside off-post. It is important to note that when a soldier married to another soldier without family members resides off post and one of the soldiers departs on a separate tour, the other soldier will not be required to move into the barracks. Single soldiers in the ranks of SSG and above are authorized to reside off-post without a CNA as there are a limited number of SEBQs/BOQs at Fort Riley and there is no mandatory assignment to SEBQ's/BOQs as there are for Barracks.

### If I am a single soldier in the rank of PVT-SGT and own my home, can I draw BAH and reside off post?

There are instances where this is possible. When a soldier has purchased a home near the installation prior to notification of assignment to that installation the soldier is allowed to occupy that home and

draw BAH without dependent rate. Another is when a soldier has been awarded the home out of a divorce settlement which was purchased during the marriage (this requires an ETP for approval). A CNA issued by the Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (UPH) Office is required in both cases to authorize BAH without dependent. Before making any arrangements off-post, you should report to the UPH (PP) Office and if you meet criteria a CNA will be issued.

#### **My Commander authorized me to reside off-post, can I go ahead and move?**

You cannot move off-post and enter into a lease until you have been approved to receive a CNA by the UPH Office. Commanders may approve a soldier to reside off-post without receiving BAH w/o dependent but cannot approve a soldier to reside off post with the intent of receiving BAH w/o dependent. A CNA is required by finance to begin BAH w/o dependent for PVT-SGT. Soldiers who move off post without having first obtained approval for issue of a CNA will be considered as residing off-post for their own convenience and will not receive BAH at the w/o dependent rate.

#### **When can a single pregnant soldier move off-post?**

A single pregnant soldier can move off-post and receive BAH w/o dependent when they reach 28 weeks in the pregnancy. A CNA will be issued effective the 28th week date or lease date, whichever is later. Upon the birth of the child, the soldier will be required to change BAH to the with dependent rate. Should a live birth not occur or the child is given up for adoption, soldier will be required to move back into the barracks. In this event, approval of an ETP to continue off-post residency through the term of the then current lease is possible.

#### **How much space is a single soldier authorized?**

Soldiers in the ranks of PVT-SPC (except E1 recruits and trainees) are authorized a minimum of 90 net SF of living area. Soldiers having the rank of SGT are authorized 135 net SF of living area, private room, and a bath shared with not more than one other Soldier? SF of living space is determined on the construction criteria of the barracks they reside. If it is an older barracks when 90 SF was the criteria, they are authorized the minimum, 90 SF. If they reside in newer constructed barracks, they have more SF of living space.

#### **Does having household goods (HHG) which will not fit into the barracks qualify a soldier to reside off post?**

No. A soldier's entitlement is to have HHG stored at Government expense while residing in the barracks. You may contact the UPH Office to request procedures or contact Fort Riley's Transportation Office.